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Large Print Collection Discontinued

The State Library Board at its February Board meeting directed staff to discontinue circulating the Large Print Collection effective July 1, 2006. The decision is based on the large number of public libraries with large print collections and declining numbers of large print users. The last books will be shipped to users June 1 so that they can be returned in early July.

Current users will be notified of contact information for their local public libraries before July 1. Public libraries will also be informed of the change in policy and the number of potential large print users in their service areas. Many libraries have extension services for persons unable to visit the library in person. All libraries can ship large print materials free matter for the blind, and users can return them to libraries the same way. The large print collection will be distributed to Idaho public libraries based on their ability to make them available to users.

Please contact the Talking Book Service with questions about this change in service.

Hurry and subscribe to *Books on Tape Update*

The Talking Book Service produces our *Books on Tape Update* newsletter in print, on cassette, or via e-mail. It includes the new books that we produce in our studios, information about what is happening with the Talking Book Service, spotlights volunteers, and contains other valuable information.

Currently everyone receives this publication, but after **July 1, 2006**, this newsletter will **only be available as a magazine subscription** and will only be available to those who subscribe to it. If you wish to continue to receive this publication, simply check the box on the enclosed order form for the format of your choice. Remember if you choose e-mail you must include your e-mail address.

Remember this publication will not be sent to you after **July 1, 2006** if you do not respond! Hurry and send in the form so you can continue to get our newsletter and be the first to learn about the new books and all the other valuable information!

Voting options increased for Primary Election

Idaho voters will have more accessible voting options for the May 23 Primary Election. In the past, many voters with special needs have voted with the assistance of a person of the voter's choice or with a mail-in absentee ballot. Other accessible voting options have also been available in special cases.

Voters will have another option this year. In compliance with the Help America Vote Act, Federal grant funding has purchased a ballot marking device for each polling place in the state. The ballot marking device will assist voters who have difficulty reading or marking a ballot to vote privately and independently.

Visually impaired voters can use headphones to listen to an audio ballot and make their selections using a Braille keypad. The ballot marking device has a touch screen with a zoom feature to enlarge the ballot print and a contrast feature to make the ballot easier to read for some voters.

The ballot marking device only marks a ballot. No votes are stored in the machine. Voters can review and change their selections before the



device marks a paper ballot. Voters using the ballot marking device, just like any other voter, may request a new ballot from a poll worker if they make a mistake.

Voters can contact their county clerk for information on all accessible voting options, to request information on obtaining an absentee ballot, and to learn where to vote. Information on voting is also available at the Office of the Secretary of State (334-2852) and online at www.idahovotes.gov/vinfo.htm

Order your books online!

Go to www.lili.org/tbs and follow the link to the Talking Book Catalog. Call 1-800-458-3271 or e-mail talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov for your login and password.



Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Gayle Schabot

by Sheila Winther
Volunteer Services Coordinator

Gayle has been a volunteer at Idaho State Library Talking Book Service since September 2002. She comes in two to three days per week and has donated over 1,500 volunteer hours. One of her duties is creating all the labels, both print and Braille, which are used in repair and duplication of the Talking Books. She also keeps the Talking Book repair area organized by making lists of books to be repaired, pulling and filing master tapes (non-circulating copies used for tape duplication), and keeping Fred Riddle in line (see volunteer spotlight in the last TBS Newsletter). She never hesitates when asked to help out on special projects.

Gayle started volunteering with us shortly after moving to the Boise area from Buhl, where she and her late husband owned and operated an accounting business. She has many hobbies, but favorites include her



Gayle Schabot

four grandchildren -- two boys and two girls -- and collecting antique Blue Ridge China.

Gayle's dependable service for the library ensures a quick turnaround time for those popular books in repair. With her help in 2005, volunteers repaired over 10,000 Talking Books.

Thanks Gayle for being such a dedicated volunteer and a really fun person to work with. The library is fortunate to have you and all the volunteers who help us deliver great service to our Talking Book patrons throughout Idaho.

New Books from our Studios

Here are some newly recorded titles produced in the studios of the Idaho Talking Book Library. To order, use the yellow order form enclosed in this newsletter or call the Talking Book Library. Please remember to include your name and address on the form.

**Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's
Forgotten Walk Across Victorian
America VCT-775**

by Linda Lawrence Hunt
Read by Robin Larentzen
1 cassette

America's 1893 depression has ravaged the economy. Three years later a Norwegian immigrant and mother of eight living children named Helga Estby dares to cross 3500 miles of the American continent to win a \$10,000 wager. On foot! Fearing homelessness and family poverty Helga responds to a wager from a mysterious sponsor and gambles her family's future by striking out with her eldest daughter, Clara, to try to be the first woman to travel unescorted across the country. Dressed in long skirts, with \$5 each and a Smith and Wesson revolver, they follow the railroads east as newspapers chronicle their adventures.

**Charles L. Faris: Western
Railroad Engineer VCT-1004**

by Charles L. Faris
Read by Chelli Hinsdale
1 cassette

"Follow the 49-year career of Charles L. Faris from a sixteen-year-old railroad call boy to one of the Union Pacific's senior engineers"—Cover. Railroad buffs in Idaho and all over the West will enjoy reading the detailed reminiscences of this 90-year-old retired engineer.

**Trolley: Boise Valley's Electric
Road, 1891-1928 VCT-1005**

by Nick Casner
Read by Chelli Hinsdale
1 cassette

This book offers a look into the past and insight for a growth model of the future. Over the 37 years when electric transit facilitated the development pattern of Idaho's Boise Valley, the entire nation shared the exhilaration over this new technical marvel. We sense the ability this form of transportation had to unify people, to create opportunities for growth, to facilitate commerce, and to define communities. Today it is the task of smart community leaders to apply these good lessons.

**Traplins: Coming Home to
Sawtooth Valley VCT-1006**

by John Rember

Read by Michael Clancy

2 cassettes

In 1987, John Rember returned home to Sawtooth Valley, Idaho where he had been brought up. The same 40 acres that had sustained his family's horses had sustained a vision of a place where he belonged in the world. But to his surprise he found that what was once familiar no longer felt like home.

**J.R. Simplot: A Billion the Hard
Way VCT-1009**

by Louie Attebery

Read by Chelli Hinsdale

1 cassette

Jack Simplot dropped out of school at age 14 explaining to a friend that classes were costing him money. Soon he was making loans to his former teachers. This is the story of a kid from Declo, Idaho who parlayed a few "bum" lambs into one of the largest privately-held companies in America. J. R. Simplot is one of the last of the classic Horatio Alger success stories—a man who spent 75 years building an international empire.

**Tales of the Tract: the Beginnings
of Twin Falls, Idaho and the "Magic"
Valley VCT-1010**

by James F. Varley

Read by Michael Clancy

1 cassette

This is a collection of 46 stories chronicling the events surrounding the building of the great Carey Act irrigation project that has transmitted a once barren desert into what is now called the "Magic" Valley.

**New Books
from Other Libraries**

We've also added some new titles to our IC collection. These are books of local interest recorded in other Talking Book Libraries

Track of the Cat IC-333

by Nevada Barr

Read by Therese East

2 cassettes

When Guadalupe Mountains National Park Ranger Anna Pigeon finds the body of another female ranger, she alone refuses to believe that a cougar was responsible for the death. As she looks for a human killer, Anna finds that conflicts among ranchers, rangers, hunters, and conservationists abound in the Park.

Haywire Town IC-342

by Robert J. McCaig

Read by Shaun Bresnahan

1 cassette

This modern day western set in early 1950s Montana matches the wits of the story's hero, Ben Colby, with Lance Raith and his gang who are trying to destroy the mining town of Tempest.

Until Proven Guilty IC-343

by Judith A. Jance

Read by Carter Bentley

3 cassettes

The little girl was a treasure who should have been cherished, not murdered. She was only five, too young to die and Homicide Detective J.P. Beaumont of the Seattle Police Department isn't going to rest until her killer pays dearly.

Trial by Fury IC-344

by Judith A. Jance

Read by Carter Bentley

3 cassettes

Detective J.P. Beaumont is called to investigate when the body of a naked man is found in a dumpster. All feel sorry for the victim's pregnant wife, but as the story unfolds, Beaumont begins to question just how sorry she is.

Improbable Cause IC-345

by Judith A. Jance

Read by John McKeel

2 cassettes

Perhaps it was fitting justice: a dentist who enjoyed inflicting pain was murdered in his own chair. The sordid details of this case would be tough for any investigator to stomach. But for Seattle Homicide Detective J.P. Beaumont, the most damning piece of the murderous puzzle will shake him to his core.

Minor in Possession IC-346

by Judith A. Jance

Read by Jim Yeater

2 cassettes

Hard-drinking Seattle detective, J.P. Beaumont has checked into a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Arizona and is paired with a teenaged roommate who sneaks out after curfew, deals in drugs, and is caught kissing Beau's visiting daughter. When the boy is shot dead with the detective's own gun, he not only finds himself under suspicion but also becomes a target for the killer.

Without Due Process IC-347

by Judith A. Jance

Read by Dave Elvin

3 cassettes

Five year old Junior Weston was hiding in a closet the night his entire family was brutally slaughtered.

Known for his unswerving honesty and kindness, Junior's father, Ben Weston, was a model cop. But nasty rumors are starting to surface about his ties to the infamous street gangs the Bloods and the Crips. J.P. Beaumont's investigation uncovers a suicidal computer freak, a showdown with gang members, and explosive revelations in the top ranks of the Seattle Police Department.

These is my Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1881-1901, Arizona Territories IC-348

by Nancy E. Turner

Read by Evelyn Howell

3 cassettes

Inspired by the author's family memories, Sarah's diary portrays the joys and hardships of living out West at the end of the 1800s.

Beginning at age seventeen, she recounts events over twenty years including Indian attacks, marriages, births, and deaths.

Name Withheld IC-349

by Judith A. Jance

Read by Carter Bentley

3 cassettes

Beaumont is called in to investigate a body floating in nearby Elliott Bay. The case draws Seattle's favorite detective into the cutting-edge world of bio-technology with personal betrayals and the selling of trade secrets.

A More Perfect Union IC-351

by Judith A. Jance

Read by Pat Mines

3 cassettes

A shocking photo screamed from the front pages of the tabloids — the last moments of a life captured for all the world to see. The look of sheer terror eternally frozen on the face of the doomed woman indicated that her fatal fall from an upper story of an unfinished Seattle skyscraper was no desperate suicide — and that look will forever haunt Homicide Detective J.P. Beaumont. But his hunt for answers and justice is leading to more deaths, and to dark and terrible secrets scrupulously guarded by men of steel behind the locked doors of a powerful union that extracts its payments due in blood.

Newsline is coming July 1!

Do you want to read current newspapers at the same time as your friends, family, and co-workers? Then Newsline is the service for you!

The Talking Book Service and Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired are partnering to bring this valuable service to Idaho. Beginning July 1, all Idahoans with a visual or physical disability can listen to national and local newspapers any time and anywhere with the use of a touch tone phone.

National papers such as the Wall Street Journal, regional papers such as the Seattle Post Intelligencer and Salt Lake Tribune, and state papers such as the Idaho

Statesman will all be available the day they are published. The most recent issues of AARP Magazine, Economist, and New Yorker magazines are also available.

The service is easy to use and training will be provided by both Talking Book and Blind Commission staff.

Best yet, the service is free for Talking Book patrons!

Sign up now and you can listen to the three magazines until July when the newspapers become available. Beat the rush and contact the Talking Book Service at 800-458-3271 (334-2150 in the Boise area) or call the Blind Commission at (208) 334-2220.



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